

Adverse Effect of DD Programmes

† 1606. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that programmes telecast by the Doordarshan make adverse effect on people, particularly on children;
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to frame a national policy in respect of television or to formulate any law for electronic media, including cable TV for checking the increasing demonstration of violence, crime and vulgarity; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Doordarshan previews all its programmes before telecast in accordance with the provisions of the Broadcast Code, to ensure that they do not contain any undesirable violence or vulgarity.

(b) and (c) As per the provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, programmes of satellite channels when transmitted through cable network are required to adhere to the prescribed Programmes and Advertisement Codes mentioned in the Act. The provisions of the same are endorsed by authorized officers of the Central/State Governments. Satellite Channels which have been given permission to uplink from India are also required to adhere to Programme and Advertisement Codes of Doordarshan.

Conviction under criminal cases by courts

† 1607. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJTV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN":

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that very few people in criminal cases have been convicted by the courts during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the percentage of criminal cases in Supreme Court and High Courts where people have been found guilty and punished; and
- (c) the number of cases in which culprits have not been identified due to non-availability of proofs?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.